

THOROUGH PROCESS

Fumigation of the Newport News Mails.

SOME CURIOUS STATEMENTS

Remarkable Stories Conceived in Richmond. Surgeon White Pronounces the Method Perfectly Effective. What It Consists of. The Times' Story.

Yesterday's Richmond Times contains a lengthy article regarding the manner in which the mail matter leaving this city is being fumigated, charging that the fumigating process is a farce and declaring that there is as much danger as ever of fever being transmitted through the postal service between Newport News and Richmond.

The Times doubtless had its authority for the statement, but that authority deliberately disregarded the truth in making such charges, for every piece of mail matter that has left this city since the order was received by postmaster Read from Superintendent Vickery has been properly fumigated, according to the instructions and formula always employed by the Postoffice Department in emergencies similar to the present one.

When shown the article yesterday Postmaster Read branded it as false. Mr. W. G. Burgess, the well-known druggist, who has the contract for preparing the material and fumigating the generators and is superintending the work of fumigation personally, denounced the charge as false. Both gentlemen did not hesitate to pay their respects to the parties in Richmond, wherever they may be, postal men evidently, who gave the Richmond Times authority to say that the fumigation method here was ineffective.

A representative of the Daily Press visited the postoffice this morning and was given an opportunity to witness the process of fumigation. If it is possible to make a thorough fumigation of every letter that is dispatched from this city Postmaster Read and Mr. Burgess are doing it.

A large, air-tight box was ordered especially for this work yesterday by the postmaster and in this the letters are being fumigated. The box is 10x3x3 feet in dimensions and is fitted with wire screen shelves on which the special pieces of mail matter are scattered. The cover is then fastened on and a tube connected with a formaldehyde gas generator is inserted in a hole near the bottom. In fact there are four of these holes and before the boxful of matter is thoroughly fumigated the formaldehyde generator is attached to each and the gas is forced in through the letters on the wire screening.

The postoffice department sent four men to Postmaster Read, one of which must be used. He selected the best one, which is as follows:

"Apply formaldehyde gas by means of a glass cylinder provided with a vacuum apparatus and special apparatus for generating and applying the gas. The gas should be applied in a dry state in not less than 20 per cent. in volume strength and the time of exposure not less than two hours." The instructions go on to say: "Letters should not be tied up in packages, but should be placed loosely in the receptacle room, so as to leave a free access of gas to all surfaces. Newspapers and packages tightly wrapped should be opened before disinfecting."

This method is being followed to the letter. All the mail matter that went out of here yesterday was exposed in the box for two hours. The letters have been enclosed in the air-tight box from three to four hours, instead of only two. In fact Mr. Read has adopted the plan of keeping the matter in the receptacle until it is time for it to be displaced, which is certainly ample time.

The Richmond Times article also conveys the impression that the mail matter from Hampton and Fort Monroe is received here and fumigated. That is not so. This mail is fumigated at both Hampton and Fort Monroe and when it comes here it is unnecessary to open the pouches, as the postal authorities in those places have adopted a thorough fumigating process. The postal authorities in Richmond may think that, because they cannot smell chemicals and see discolorations and punched holes on the envelopes, the letters have not been fumigated. They should know Postmaster Read and in fact the people of this city better than to suppose that things are ever done by halves down here. The city has taken every possible precaution to guard against letting yellow fever in here or letting it be conveyed to other cities through here. Postmaster Read has been one of the most valuable assistants in this good work and all mail requirements for emergencies like the present are carried out to the very letter.

The Times story follows:

"The General superintendent of the Railway Mail Service yesterday issued an order from Washington for the fumigation of mails from Hampton, Phoebus, Rip Raps and Old Point. This mail passes through the Newport News postoffice. The Times is reliably informed that what is called fumigation was begun yesterday, but that it is the merest pretense and affords no protection if danger really exists in the mails."

"The customary method of fumigation is to perforate letters and expose the contents of packages and papers to the fumes of some chemical known to be fatal to the germs. All persons who have had correspondence with Jacksonville, Mobile, New Orleans and other Southern cities will recall that letters during yellow fever epidemics were received during yellow fever epidemics there were unmistakably marked by the fumigating machines."

"The method adopted at Newport News is, to say the least, unique, but its effectiveness would not impress the most glibest. This alleged fumigation was instituted yesterday by placing the mail for a short time in a small, close box in which the fumes of a chemical were confined. The letter mail was allowed to remain in tightly tied bundles so that not even the surfaces of the envelopes were touched, not to speak of the interior. It is a well known fact, demonstrated by the experience of postal authorities in handling matter taken from wrecks in which fire and water had both been destructive elements, that bundles of letters tied tightly were often uninjured except around the edges. That fumigation should penetrate where fire and water do not is hardly credible."

"The worst feature of the failure to properly fumigate this mail is that it

goes to all parts of the country, and, if germs are ever carried in the mails, Southern cities may thus be exposed to an attack.

"The mails to and from the infected district are going backward and forward as usual. There was a slight hitch Wednesday night, as was told in this paper, in regard to mail from points east of Williamsburg, including Newport News, but it was due to a misunderstanding of telephone messages between the Chesapeake & Ohio offices and the city postoffice. All mail was forwarded yesterday as usual. Mail for points between Williamsburg and Newport News at the smaller places was exchanged as usual by means of catcher pouches, which take off and leave mail while the train is running. At stations where trains usually stop, the pouches were thrown off by the postal clerk, and an effort made to throw out-going pouches on the moving trains. As a rule, the attempt was successful.

"All mail for Hampton, Phoebus and Soldiers' Home is thrown into the Newport News office. The postmaster of that city, accompanied by two clerks goes out on the electric train, which carries food and other supplies to the quarantine 'dead line.' Here an exchange of pouches takes place between the quarantine postmasters, and the Newport News officials and the latter carry the mail to their office and forward it.

"The compulsory fumigation of all mail matter leaving this city has necessitated a change in the hours of receiving mail at the postoffice. Hereafter all letters or packages to go out in the morning mail, must be in the postoffice by 11 P. M. the previous night, and all mail to go out on the afternoon train must be in the postoffice by 2 P. M.

"The carriers make their collections at 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. There are two deliveries for the entire city, morning and afternoon.

IT IS ALL RIGHT.

Postmaster Read, after reading the article in the Times and a consultation with Dr. J. H. White, the yellow fever expert, and the latter told him that the fumigating process employed here was entirely effective and that all criticisms to the contrary were not founded upon knowledge.

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An Ordinance

RATIFYING AND ESTABLISHING A QUARANTINE LINE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF YELLOW FEVER INTO THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VA., AND AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF SAID CITY TO MAINTAIN THE SAME BY A SUITABLE QUARANTINE GUARD, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OF PERSONS WHO SHALL CROSS SAID QUARANTINE LINE.

Whereas, yellow fever has recently broken out at the National Soldiers' Home, county of Elizabeth City, Va., and at Phoebus, Va., within a distance of ten miles from the corporate limits of the city of Newport News, Va.; and

Whereas, the Health Department of the said city of Newport News, for the protection of the said city, from the introduction within its limits of the contagion, has established a quarantine line, divided into six sections as follows:

1. The first section will extend from a point on the James river, shore opposite the continuation of the Battlefield Road, thence along such road and continuation thereof to and across the Chesapeake & Ohio road, thence to a point on the East Side of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway to a point on the "Y" of the C. & O. Branch Line to Hampton, representing the extension of the line of the main track of said line.

2. The second section will extend along the Hampton Branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway to the crossing of the railroad at Lakeville, thence along said cross-road to a point on the South side of the main county road on the West Fork of Salter's Creek.

3. The third section will extend from the last named point of the preceding section along the course of Salter's Creek to a point on the Southern boundary of the city farm.

4. The fourth section will extend from the last named point of the preceding section along the course of Salter's Creek to the mouth thereof.

5. The fifth section will extend from the last named point of the preceding section to the mouth of Newport News Creek.

6. The sixth, or main section, will extend from the last named point of the preceding section to the first named point of the first section.

And, whereas, the said Health Department has established a quarantine line along said line, maintaining the same with a quarantine guard;

Be it ordered, by the council of the city of Newport News, that the quarantine line hereby adopted and established as the quarantine line to be maintained for the protection of the city of Newport News from the introduction of the contagion, and the said Health Department of said city is hereby authorized and empowered to maintain said quarantine line by a proper and well-disciplined quarantine guard, and the council does hereby ratify and adopt the action of said Health Department in establishing the quarantine line as aforesaid, and also ratifies all and singular, the acts heretofore performed and done in maintaining the same by a quarantine guard.

2. Any person who shall cross said quarantine line so established and described, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200, or be confined in the city jail not less than 30 days. And any person who shall enter the corporate limits of the city of Newport News while said quarantine is being maintained, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200, or be confined in the city jail not less than 30 days. This section does not apply to such persons as shall come over the quarantine line city upon a pass properly issued by the Board of Health of said city or to such persons as are not excluded from entering the city by the quarantine.

3. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

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TO INSPECT TRAINS

Dr. E. L. Hobson, of Richmond, Assigned Here by State Board.

HIS DUTIES ARE TWO-FOLD

He Will Guard Richmond and He Will Protect Newport News. His Instructions. About Supplies to the County. There is no Difficulty.

Dr. E. L. Hobson is here as an officer of the State Board of Health for the purpose of inspecting all trains.

As to outgoing trains, they will be looked at the depot and Dr. E. L. Hobson will permit no one to enter these cars for the purpose of going away, unless he presents a certificate signed by a reputable citizen, or physician stating that the bearer has not been in the infected region within ten days.

In the matter of incoming trains, Dr. E. L. Hobson will board them up the road and inspect them.

He is instructed not to take on freight or passengers for this city at any station east of Grove. He is also instructed to look over the trains for people who might have come from the quarantined districts and gotten on higher up.

These certificates are not supposed to cost anything.

The situation in the above connection has been considerably misconstrued.

The situation is simply this: Richmond requires of all passengers going out of this city on the Chesapeake & Ohio an assurance that they have not been near infection.

Newport News requires that no passengers or freight shall come into the city by the railroad from the territory against which this city has quarantined it.

It is Dr. E. L. Hobson's duty to see that these requirements are met, and this he will do.

He announced last night that he would receive no certificates from parties unless they were willing to make affidavits, if necessary, of the correctness of the statement on the certificates. In other words, the certificates must be bona fide.

As to carrying out the local board's instructions relative to admitting people from the forbidden districts, Dr. E. L. Hobson has guaranteed that it shall be carried out.

This is the most important feature of the quarantine situation yesterday, and in one way solves a vexed problem.

ABOUT SUPPLIES.

A great many representations are being made by certain Warwick County people about how badly they need provisions and what hardships the quarantine is working on them. The hardship is all on Newport News, which can not get any supplies from Warwick. As a matter of fact, and it has been repeatedly stated, Warwick County can get all the supplies she wants from Newport News almost as easily as she ever could, as arrangements have been made for putting the supplies across the line.

The mails and telephones are still open. Goods can be ordered by mail and telephone and paid for by mail. They can be delivered either by train or wagon. Hence there is no need for any one in Warwick County suffering for the necessities of life, as was represented last night at the Board of Health meeting.

Whatever the result, the quarantine will not be relaxed until the authorities here are convinced that there is no longer any danger.

ON THE LINE.

The scenes on the line last night are practically the same as those of the preceding nights. Volunteers in ample numbers were assigned as heretofore. Many of those who were on duty Wednesday night, returned to duty last night. The routine is becoming more and more systematized and the quarantine is more effective as the days go by.

There is hope that in the course of a few days some let up may be indulged in, but this will not be until the authorities are sure that there is no longer any necessity for maintaining as rigid a quarantine as is now in force.

HELD THEM UP.

Messrs. Lett and Hammond last night held up three negroes who were trying to land on the Casino grounds. One of them had already gotten ashore. He was made to hustle back into the boat, which was sent back into the river.

Will Occupy His Pulpit.

Rev. E. T. Wellford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will occupy his pulpit as usual Sunday morning and evening. He had made arrangements to leave on his vacation last Monday, but postponed his sojourn on account of the fever scare.

Mr. L. P. Stearnes, who has been visiting at Pulaski, returned to the city Wednesday.

Dancing at Point of Pines tonight.

Spend Sunday in Baltimore.

Take M. & M. T. Co. Steamer Saturday, 5:00 P. M. C. & O. Pier No. 6. Returning leave Baltimore 4:00 P. M. arrive Newport News early Monday morning. Only line running a Sunday steamer between Newport News and Baltimore.

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\$1.98 White P. K. Skirts with four lots of Pearl buttons at back. Deep hem. Don't miss this if you want a nice White P. K. Skirt for \$1.60.

\$2.25 White P. K. Skirts, trimmed with Pearl buttons, flared flounced. This is a good skirt and will do you service for \$2.25.

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Linen Skirts.

5 dozen Linen Skirts, worth 40c, during this week will be sold for 25c.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, trimmed with four rows heavy braid, for 69c each.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, trimmed with white braid, well made, \$1.25.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, in fancy stripe and plain, some trimmed, for \$1.69.

Ladies' Colored P. K. Skirts, trimmed in braid to match, \$2.25.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, extra sizes well made, for stout ladies, \$2.50.

Ladies' White P. K. Skirts, well made, full widths, 98c.

Ladies' Linen Suits

Ladies' Linen Suits, trimmed with braid and buttons, \$3.50.

Ladies' Crash Suits, trimmed with white and fancy braids, \$3.98 and 4.98 per suit.

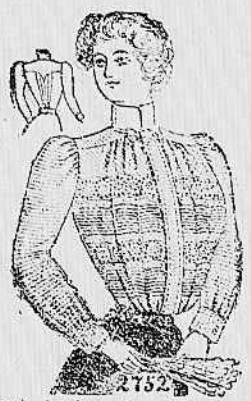
Ladies' White P. K. Suits, trimmed and some plain, latest styles, \$3.98, \$4.50 and 4.98 per suit.

Ready Made Silk Brocade Skirts, well made, with or without buttons, \$4.95.

Ladies' Black Satin Duchess, ready made Skirts, \$5.50 to \$10.00.

Ladies' Ready Made Silk Taffeta Skirts, some trimmed and some plain, \$10.00.

Shirtwaist, \$1.50 Each



About twelve dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists that sold for \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.98 have put them all in one lot and you can have your pick of this lot for \$1.50 each as long as they last. Don't expect them to stay here long at this price. Among the lot there are White P. K. Waists with Inserting fronts, White Lawn Waists with inserting fronts, White Lawn Waists with Black and White Inserting, Pale Blue and Pink P. K. Waists with Inserting, Pale Blue and Pink Lawn Waists with tucked yokes. In fact, these are all the finest and best waists we have in stock. In order to make them go quick we have put the price so low that will move them out quick. See sample in window. Don't miss this chance for a bargain in shirt waists. Your choice, \$1.50 each. Ready Made Black Mohair Skirts, well made, full width, all sizes, \$1.50 and \$1.98 each.

39c Wash Silks 39c

About eight hundred yards of wash silks will be put on sale for this week. This lot comes in all colors and styles. They are the regular 59c. silks. Stripes, shades and checks.

This is a bargain and make nice, cool shirt waists. Don't miss this opportunity to buy wash silks for 39c a yard.

19c Wool Dress Goods 19c

About twelve pieces of colored wool dress goods in several different styles, worth 40c, and 20c a yard, will be sold for the low price of 19c. This is another bargain and will pay you to get a slice at them before they are all gone, wool dress goods, 19c.

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